

SAN YSIDRO BRANCH LIBRARY PUBLIC ART PROJECT

## ARTWORK DESIGN

## BY EINAR AND JAMEX DE LA TORRE

Artists Einar and Jamex de la Torre have proposed two distinct artworks for the new San Ysidro Branch Library, one for the interior of the library and another for the building's exterior.

The interior artwork will be an archway which serves as both a literal and symbolic entrance to the library. The columns of the archway will be wrapped with colorful, illuminated lenticular prints drawing on themes related to San Ysidro, architecture, and the library as a source of knowledge.

These densely layered and highly dynamic lenticular images will produce the illusion of depth and will change when viewed from different angles.

Sitting atop the columns will be a cantera stone lintel inspired by both Spanish colonial and Mesoamerican architectural motifs.

The exterior artwork will consist of two large metal screens affixed to the north and west facades of the library. The screens, inspired by the Mexican folk art of paper-cutting and traditional Moorish screens, will complement the motifs explored on the archway. Perforated with intricate patterns, the screens will create a captivating interplay between light and shadow. At night, these screens will be lit from behind to give the work a dramatic evening presence.



